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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 22 April 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 5, 6, 10-16, 18-27 and 29-31 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 5, 6, 10-16, 18-27 and 29-31 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 22 April 2009 has been entered.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1, 13, and 22 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

3. Applicant's failure to adequately traverse the Examiner's taking of Official Notice in the last Office Action is taken as an admission of the fact(s) noticed.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

5. Claims 1, 2, 6, and 10-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sklar et al. "Sklar" (USPN 5,990,928) [of record] in view of Galipeau et al. "Galipeau" (USPN 6,249,913) [of record].

Regarding Claim 1, Sklar discloses an aircraft in-flight entertainment system (50 – figure 1) (Col. 7, lines 57-61) comprising:

a satellite television (TV) receiver (42 – figure 2) (Col. 8, lines 62-67);

a plurality of seat electronic boxes (SEBs) (passenger terminals 56 – fig. 1) spaced throughout the aircraft (Col. 7, lines 46-65 and Col. 9, lines 26-35);

a plurality of passenger video displays (i.e., passenger terminals 56 are attached to passenger terminal displays, such as a plasma or LCD, allowing each passenger to view channels independently) connected to said plurality of SEBs (Col. 9, lines 26-35 & Col. 13, lines 34-38);

a processor (44 – figure 2) connected to said satellite TV receiver [42] for determining a condition (i.e., determine that the aircraft is about to leave the coverage area) within said satellite TV receiver [42] (Col. 9, line 61 to Col. 10, line 8) and

generating responsive thereto a substitute image on said plurality of passenger video displays rather than permit display of an undesired image which would otherwise be produced (i.e., region control unit 44 instructs receiver unit 42 to switch to a different program) (Col. 10, lines 32-47 and Col. 11, lines 9-33); and

a storage device (storage medium 13a – figure 4 of Sklar '751; Col. 2, lines 15-26) connected to said processor (processor 43 – figure 4 of Sklar '751; Col. 2, lines 15-26) for storing the substitute image (i.e., processor 43 communicates with the data

storage medium 13a to achieve the storage and retrieval of the encoded video when the aircraft is not in a coverage area; see Sklar application 08/667224, now USPN 5,801,751 which is incorporated by reference in its entirety and hereinafter "Sklar '751" and previously cited by applicant – Col. 6, lines 47-67 and Col. 5, lines 5-10).

Sklar discloses region control unit 44 or "processor" is configured to monitor coverage area and signal strength of the direct broadcast satellite system, wherein the condition is the aircraft leaves a coverage area of a satellite before a particular program can finish. However, Sklar is silent on disclosing the processor [44] connected to said satellite TV receiver [42] for determining a component malfunction condition within said satellite TV receiver [42], the component malfunction being independent of a strength of a signal received at said satellite TV receiver [42].

In an analogous art, Galipeau discloses an aircraft in-flight entertainment system (178 – figure 9a; Col. 10, lines 17-29) comprising:

- a television (TV) receiver (reproducer unit 194 – figure 9a which is part of headend 178) (Col. 10, line 61 to Col. 11, line 3);

- a plurality of seat electronic boxes (SEBs) (i.e., integrated seat boxes 18 – figs. 1, 3, and 9b) spaced throughout the aircraft (Col. 4, lines 1-12);

- a plurality of passenger video displays (video displays 154 – figs. 6b and 9b) connected to said plurality of SEBs [18] (Col. 9, lines 16-22);

- a processor (200 – figure 9a) connected to said TV receiver [194] for determining a component malfunction condition within said TV receiver (i.e., identify faulty components of the system for repair or replacement, such as a faulty tape/CD player in

video unit 194), the component malfunction being independent of a strength of a signal received at said TV receiver (i.e., workstation identifies faulty components of the system independent of signal strength, such as faulty tape/CD players) (Col. 11, lines 35-47 and Col. 10, line 61 to Col. 11, line 3).

Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Sklar to include a processor connected to said satellite TV receiver for determining a component malfunction condition within the satellite TV receiver, the component malfunction being independent of a strength of a signal received at said satellite TV receiver as taught by Galipeau for the benefit of combining prior art elements according to known methods to yield predictable results of identifying defective components, such as tape players, and providing information to the in-flight crew to facilitate identifying the defective components that require repair or replacement.

As for Claim 2, Sklar and Galipeau disclose, in particular Sklar teaches wherein said satellite TV receiver comprises a direct broadcast satellite (DBS) receiver (Col. 5, lines 41-65).

As for Claim 6, Sklar and Galipeau disclose, in particular Sklar teaches region control unit 44 or "processor" is configured to monitor coverage area and signal strength of the direct broadcast satellite system, wherein the undesired condition is the aircraft leaves a coverage area of a satellite before a particular program can finish. However,

the combination of Sklar and Galipeau are silent on disclosing wherein the undesired image is default text message image. The examiner gives Official Notice that it is notoriously well known in the art to monitor the broadcast for text, images, graphics, and any other images within a program and replacing the detected image with a more customized image for the user.

Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Sklar and Galipeau to include wherein the undesired image is default text message image for the benefit of detecting a non-customized image and replacing the image with a more user-friendly image for the user.

As for Claim 10, Sklar and Galipeau disclose, in particular Sklar teaches wherein said plurality of passenger video displays comprises a plurality of passenger seatback video displays (i.e., each passenger has their own display facilitating passengers to view channels independently of the channels chosen at other passenger terminals) (Col. 7, lines 57-61 and Col. 9, lines 26-35).

As for Claim 11, Sklar and Galipeau disclose, in particular Galipeau discloses an aircraft in-flight entertainment system (figure 9a) according to Claim 1 further comprising:

a plurality of signal distribution devices (forward integrated seat box 18 – figure 3) (i.e., forward integrated seat box 18 receives video and data transmitted from the head

end and the forwards the signal down the length of a seat column through integrated seat boxes 18' and 18"; Col. 5, lines 26-34); and

a cable network (20 – figures 1, 3, and 9) connecting said satellite TV receiver (194 – figure 9a) (Col. 10, lines 61-67) to said signal distribution devices [18], and connecting said signal distribution devices to said plurality of SEBs (integrated seat boxes 18' and 18" – figure 3) (Col. 5, lines 26-34 and Col. 4, lines 12-20).

As for Claim 12, Sklar and Galipeau disclose, in particular Galipeau teaches wherein the aircraft is a narrow-body aircraft having a single passenger aisle (Col. 3, lines 54-65).

6. Claims 13-16, 18-23, 26, 27, and 29-31 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sklar in view of Galipeau and further in view of Gangitano (USPN 6,580,452 B1) [of record].

Regarding Claim 13, Sklar discloses an aircraft in-flight entertainment system (50 – figure 1) (Col. 7, lines 57-61) comprising:

a satellite television (TV) receiver (42 – figure 2) (Col. 8, lines 62-67);

a plurality of seat electronic boxes (SEBs) (passenger terminals 56 – fig. 1) spaced throughout the aircraft (Col. 7, lines 46-65 and Col. 9, lines 26-35);

a plurality of passenger video displays (i.e., passenger terminals 56 are attached to passenger terminal displays, such as a plasma or LCD, allowing each passenger to

view channels independently) connected to said plurality of SEBs (Col. 9, lines 26-35 & Col. 13, lines 34-38);

a processor (44 – figure 2) connected to said satellite TV receiver [42] for determining a signal strength condition within said satellite TV receiver [42] (i.e., determine that the aircraft is about to leave the coverage area) (Col. 9, line 61 to Col. 10, line 8), and

generating responsive thereto a substitute image on said plurality of passenger video displays prior to display of an undesired image which would otherwise be produced (i.e., region control unit 44 instructs receiver unit 42 to switch to a different program) (Col. 10, lines 32-47 and Col. 11, lines 9-33); and

a storage device (storage medium 13a – figure 4 of Sklar '751; Col. 2, lines 15-26) connected to said processor (processor 43 – figure 4 of Sklar '751; Col. 2, lines 15-26) for storing the substitute image (i.e., processor 43 communicates with the data storage medium 13a to achieve the storage and retrieval of the encoded video when the aircraft is not in a coverage area; see Sklar application 08/667224, now USPN 5,801,751, which is incorporated by reference in its entirety and hereinafter "Sklar '751" and previously cited by applicant – Col. 6, lines 47-67 and Col. 5, lines 5-10).

Sklar discloses region control unit 44 or "processor" is configured to monitor coverage area and signal strength of the direct broadcast satellite system, wherein the condition is the aircraft leaves a coverage area of a satellite before a particular program can finish. However, Sklar is silent on disclosing the processor [44] connected to said satellite TV receiver [42] for determining a component malfunction condition within said

satellite TV receiver [42], the component malfunction being independent of a strength of a signal received at said satellite TV receiver [42].

In an analogous art, Galipeau discloses an aircraft in-flight entertainment system (178 – figure 9; Col. 10, lines 17-29) comprising:

a television (TV) receiver (reproducer unit 194 – figure 9a which is part of headend 178) (Col. 10, line 61 to Col. 11, line 3);

a plurality of seat electronic boxes (SEBs) (i.e., integrated seat boxes 18 – figs. 1, 3, and 9b) spaced throughout the aircraft (Col. 4, lines 1-12);

a plurality of passenger video displays (video displays 154 – figs. 6b and 9b) connected to said plurality of SEBs [18] (Col. 9, lines 16-22);

a processor (200 – figure 9a) connected to said TV receiver [194] for determining a component malfunction condition within said TV receiver (i.e., identify faulty components of the system for repair or replacement, such as a faulty tape/CD player in video unit 194), the component malfunction being independent of a strength of a signal received at said TV receiver (i.e., workstation identifies faulty components of the system independent of signal strength, such as faulty tape/CD players) (Col. 11, lines 35-47 and Col. 10, line 61 to Col. 11, line 3).

Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Sklar to include a processor connected to said satellite TV receiver for determining a component malfunction condition within said satellite TV receiver, the component malfunction being independent of a strength of a signal received at said satellite TV receiver as taught by

Galipeau for the benefit of combining prior art elements according to known methods to yield predictable results of identifying defective components, such as tape players, and providing information to the in-flight crew to facilitate identifying the defective components that require repair or replacement.

The combination of Sklar and Galipeau are silent on disclosing a processor connected to said satellite TV receiver for determining a weak received signal strength condition.

In an analogous art, Gangitano discloses an apparatus for displaying a received signal strength comprising, a processor (22 – figure 4) connected to said satellite TV receiver (14 – figure 4) for determining a weak received signal strength condition within said satellite TV receiver (Col. 3, lines 9-19 & lines 53-62) and for generating responsive thereto a substitute image...(figures 6a-6c) (Col. 3, lines 20-30; Col. 4, lines 7-17; Col. 4, line 45 to Col. 5, line 5). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the system of Sklar and Gangitano to include wherein the processor determines the weak received signal strength condition within said satellite TV receiver as taught by Gangitano for the benefit of combining prior art elements according to known methods to yield predictable results of providing a user-friendly notification to a user when the video image suddenly freezes or the image becomes blurred.

As for Claim 14, Sklar, Galipeau, and Gangitano disclose, in particular Sklar teaches wherein said satellite TV receiver comprises a direct broadcast satellite (DBS) receiver (Col. 5, lines 41-65).

As for Claim 15, Sklar and Gangitano disclose, in particular Gangitano teaches wherein the undesired image is a degraded program image (Col. 3, lines 20-62 & Col. 4, lines 7-36).

As for Claim 16, Sklar, Galipeau, and Gangitano fail to specifically disclose wherein the undesired image is default text image. The examiner gives Official Notice that it is notoriously well known in the art to monitor the broadcast for text, images, graphics, and any other images within a program and replacing the detected image with a more customized image for the user.

Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Sklar, Galipeau, and Gangitano to include wherein the undesired image is default text message image for the benefit of detecting a non-customized image and replacing the image with a more user-friendly image for the user.

As for Claim 18, Sklar, Galipeau, and Gangitano disclose, in particular Sklar teaches wherein said satellite TV receiver generates a plurality of individual video channels (Col. 8, line 62 to Col. 9, line 29); and wherein said processor determines the

undesired condition for each of the individual video channels (Col. 9, line 61 to Col. 10, line 8 and Col. 10, lines 32-41).

As for Claim 19, Sklar, Galipeau, and Gangitano disclose, in particular Sklar teaches wherein said satellite TV receiver generates a plurality of video channels (Col. 8, line 62 to Col. 9, line 29); and wherein said processor determines the undesired condition for the plurality of video channels (Col. 9, line 61 to Col. 10, line 8 and Col. 10, lines 32-41).

As for Claim 20, Sklar, Galipeau, and Gangitano disclose, in particular Galipeau discloses an aircraft in-flight entertainment system (figure 9a) according to Claim 13 further comprising:

a plurality of signal distribution devices (forward integrated seat box 18 – figure 3) (i.e., forward integrated seat box 18 receives video and data transmitted from the head end and the forwards the signal down the length of a seat column through integrated seat boxes 18' and 18"; Col. 5, lines 26-34); and

a cable network (20 – figures 1, 3, and 9) connecting said satellite TV receiver (194 – figure 9a) (Col. 10, lines 61-67) to said signal distribution devices [18], and connecting said signal distribution devices to said plurality of SEBs (integrated seat boxes 18' and 18" – figure 3) (Col. 5, lines 26-34 and Col. 4, lines 12-20).

As for Claim 21, Sklar, Galipeau, and Gangitano disclose, in particular Galipeau teaches wherein the aircraft is a narrow-body aircraft having a single passenger aisle (Col. 3, lines 54-65).

Regarding Claim 22, Sklar discloses a method for operating an aircraft in-flight entertainment system (50 – figure 1) (Col. 7, lines 57-61) comprising a satellite television (TV) receiver (42 – figure 2) (Col. 8, lines 62-67), a plurality of seat electronic boxes (SEBs) (passenger terminals 56 – fig. 1) spaced throughout the aircraft (Col. 7, lines 46-65 and Col. 9, lines 26-35), and a plurality of passenger video displays (i.e., passenger terminals 56 are attached to passenger terminal displays, such as a plasma or LCD, allowing each passenger to view channels independently) connected to said plurality of SEBs (Col. 9, lines 26-35 & Col. 13, lines 34-38), the method comprising:

operating a processor (44 – figure 2) connected to the satellite TV receiver [42] for determining a signal strength condition within the satellite TV receiver (i.e., determine that the aircraft is about to leave the coverage area) (Col. 9, line 61 to Col. 10, line 8); and

generating a substitute image responsive to the determining on the plurality of passenger video displays rather than permit display of an undesired image which would otherwise be produced (i.e., region control unit 44 instructs receiver unit 42 to switch to a different program) (Col. 10, lines 32-47 and Col. 11, lines 9-33), with the substitute image being stored in a storage device (storage medium 13a – figure 4 of Sklar '751; Col. 2, lines 15-26) connected to said processor (i.e., processor 43 of fig. 4 of Sklar '751

communicates with the data storage medium 13a to achieve the storage and retrieval of the encoded video when the aircraft is not in a coverage area; see Sklar application 08/667224, now USPN 5,801,751 which is incorporated by reference in its entirety and hereinafter "Sklar '751" and previously cited by applicant – Col. 6, lines 47-67 and Col. 5, lines 5-10).

Sklar discloses region control unit 44 or "processor" is configured to monitor coverage area and signal strength of the direct broadcast satellite system, wherein the condition is the aircraft leaves a coverage area of a satellite before a particular program can finish. However, Sklar is silent on disclosing operating a processor connected to said satellite TV receiver for determining a component malfunction condition within the satellite TV receiver, the component malfunction being independent of a strength of a signal received at said satellite TV receiver.

In an analogous art, Galipeau discloses a method for operating an aircraft in-flight entertainment system (178 – figure 9; Col. 10, lines 17-29) comprising a television (TV) receiver (reproducer unit 194 – figure 9a which is part of headend 178) (Col. 10, line 61 to Col. 11, line 3), a plurality of seat electronic boxes (SEBs) (i.e., integrated seat boxes 18 – figs. 1, 3, and 9b) spaced throughout the aircraft (Col. 4, lines 1-12), and a plurality of passenger video displays (video displays 154 – figs. 6b and 9b) connected to said plurality of SEBs [18] (Col. 9, lines 16-22), the method comprising:

operating a processor (200 – figure 9a) connected to the TV receiver [194] for determining a component malfunction condition within said TV receiver (i.e., identify faulty components of the system for repair or replacement, such as a faulty tape/CD

player in video unit 194), the component malfunction being independent of a strength of a signal received at the TV receiver (i.e., workstation identifies faulty components of the system independent of signal strength, such as faulty tape/CD players) (Col. 11, lines 35-47 and Col. 10, line 61 to Col. 11, line 3).

Accordingly, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the method of Sklar to include operating a processor connected to said satellite TV receiver for determining a component malfunction condition within the satellite TV receiver, the component malfunction being independent of a strength of a signal received at the satellite TV receiver as taught by Galipeau for the benefit of combining prior art elements according to known methods to yield predictable results of identifying defective modules and providing information to the in-flight crew to facilitate identifying the defective components that require repair or replacement.

However, Sklar and Galipeau are silent on operating a processor connected to the satellite TV receiver for determining a weak received signal strength condition.

In an analogous art, Gangitano discloses a method for displaying a received signal strength comprising, operating a processor (22 – figure 4) connected to the satellite TV receiver (14 – figure 4) for determining a weak received signal strength condition within the satellite TV receiver (Col. 3, lines 9-19 & lines 53-62) and generating a substitute image (figures 6a-6c) (Col. 3, lines 20-30; Col. 4, lines 7-17; Col. 4, line 45 to Col. 5, line 5). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify the method of Sklar and

Galipeau to include wherein the processor determines the weak received signal strength condition within the satellite TV receiver as taught by Gangitano for the benefit of combining prior art elements according to known methods to yield predictable results of providing a user-friendly notification to a user when the video image suddenly freezes or the image becomes blurred.

Considering Claim 23, the claimed elements of wherein the satellite TV receiver comprises a direct broadcast satellite (DBS) receiver, corresponds with subject matter mentioned above in the rejection of claim 14, and is likewise treated.

Considering Claim 26, the claimed elements of wherein the undesired image is a degraded program image, corresponds with subject matter mentioned above in the rejection of claim 15, and is likewise treated.

Considering Claim 27, the claimed elements of wherein the undesired image is default text message image, corresponds with subject matter mentioned above in the rejection of claim 16, and is likewise treated.

Considering Claim 29, the claimed elements of wherein the satellite TV receiver generates a plurality of individual video channels, corresponds with subject matter mentioned above in the rejection of claim 18, and is likewise treated.

Considering Claim 30, the claimed elements of wherein the satellite TV receiver generates a plurality of video channels, corresponds with subject matter mentioned above in the rejection of claim 19, and is likewise treated.

As for Claim 31, Sklar, Galipeau, and Gangitano disclose, in particular Galipeau teaches wherein the aircraft is a narrow-body aircraft having a single passenger aisle (Col. 3, lines 54-65).

7. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Sklar in view of Galipeau as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Gangitano.

As for Claim 5, Sklar and Galipeau disclose, in particular Sklar discloses region control unit 44 or "processor" is configured to monitor coverage area and signal strength of the direct broadcast satellite system, wherein the undesired condition is the aircraft leaves a coverage area of a satellite before a particular program can finish. However, Sklar and Galipeau are silent on disclosing wherein the undesired image is a degraded program image.

In an analogous art, Gangitano discloses an apparatus for displaying a received signal strength comprising, a processor (22 – figure 4) connected to said satellite TV receiver (14 – figure 4) for determining an undesired condition (Col. 3, lines 9-19), wherein the undesired image is a degraded program image (Col.3, lines 20-62 & Col. 4, lines 7-36). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to modify Sklar and Galipeau to include wherein the

processor determines the undesired image is a degraded program image as taught by Gangitano for the benefit of providing a more user-friendly notification of an indication of why a video image has suddenly froze on the screen of their display.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to CHRIS PARRY whose telephone number is (571) 272-8328. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:00 AM EST to 4:00 PM EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, JOHN MILLER can be reached on (571) 272-7353. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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